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Date**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed August 28, 2006, in the above-identified application. The Notice states that the application was abandoned for failure to file a proper reply to the Office Communication mailed on January 9, 2006. Applicants respectfully submit that a timely and proper reply was filed on Monday, July 10, 2006.

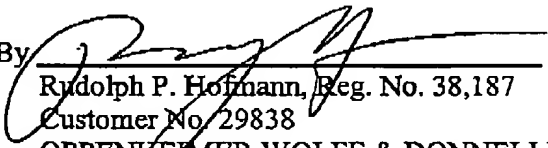
Applicants' representative contacted the Examiner by telephone on March 23, 2007. The Examiner requested that a Petition be submitted for Revival of the Application. In accordance with the Examiner's request, Applicants are resubmitting the reply along with the post card received from the Patent Office for the original submission. A copy of the Image File Wrapper

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downloaded using Private Pair is also attached showing the chronological order of documents filed and received by the USPTO. Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and that the present amendment and response be reconsidered.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

Claims begins on page two (2) of this paper.

Remarks begin on page eight (8) of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions (and listings) of claims without prejudice in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-18 (canceled)

19. (currently amended) In a contract manufacturing framework, a method of providing access to services comprising:

providing a database including a request for proposal ("RFP") mechanism, a nondisclosure agreement mechanism, a plurality of service provider data structures and a plurality of manufacturer data structures, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of service provided by a particular service provider, and wherein each manufacturer data structure includes a description of offerings of a particular manufacturer;

Identifying a particular data structure based on a request for proposal from a user utilizing the request for proposal mechanism, wherein the user is a service provider or a manufacturer;

receiving nondisclosure agreement data from the user wherein the nondisclosure agreement data is based on a nondisclosure agreement initiated with the nondisclosure agreement mechanism that is independently accessible by both the user and a third party using the contract manufacturing framework to initiate the nondisclosure agreement;

storing the nondisclosure agreement data in the database with the nondisclosure agreement mechanism for later retrieval of the nondisclosure agreement data; and

affording network-based project management services to the user based on the request for proposal and the identified data structure, wherein affording project management services includes managing assets in a network-based supply chain,

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Including optimizing use of service provider assets and manufacturer assets and providing maintenance and service of service provider assets and manufacturer assets.

20. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 19, further including the step of tracking a status of manufacturing processes performed by the identified service provider.
21. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 19, further including the step of allowing the user to inquiry service engineers.
22. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 19, further including the step of allowing the user to inquiry service chemists.
23. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the database is accessed utilizing the Internet.
24. (canceled)
25. (currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for providing supply chain/workflow services in a contract manufacturing framework comprising:

a code segment for providing a database including a request for proposal ("RFP") mechanism and a plurality of service provider data structures and a plurality of manufacturer data structures, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of service provided by a particular service provider, and wherein each manufacturer data structure includes a description of offerings of a particular manufacturer;

a code segment for identifying a particular data structure based on a request for proposal from a user utilizing the request for proposal mechanism, wherein the user is a service provider or a manufacturer;

a code segment for receiving nondisclosure agreement data from the user wherein the nondisclosure agreement data is based on a nondisclosure agreement initiated

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with the nondisclosure agreement mechanism that is Independently accessible by both the user and a third party using the contract manufacturing framework to initiate the nondisclosure agreement;

a code segment for storing the nondisclosure agreement data in the database with the nondisclosure agreement mechanism for later retrieval of the nondisclosure agreement data; and

a code segment for affording network-based project management services to the user based on the request for proposal and the identified data structure, wherein affording project management services includes managing assets in a network-based supply chain, including optimizing use of service provider assets and manufacturer assets and providing maintenance and service of service provider assets and manufacturer assets.

26-30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) In a contract manufacturing framework, a method of providing access to services comprising:

logic for providing a database including a request for proposal ("RFP") mechanism and a plurality of service provider data structures and a plurality of manufacturer data structures, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of service provided by a particular service provider, and wherein each manufacturer data structure includes a description of offerings of a particular manufacturer;

logic for identifying a particular data structure based on a request for proposal from a user utilizing the request for proposal mechanism, wherein the user is a service provider or a manufacturer;

logic for receiving nondisclosure agreement data from the user wherein the nondisclosure agreement data is based on a nondisclosure agreement initiated with the nondisclosure agreement mechanism that is independently accessible by both the user and a third party using the contract manufacturing framework to initiate the nondisclosure agreement;

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logic for storing the nondisclosure agreement data in the database with the nondisclosure agreement mechanism for later retrieval of the nondisclosure agreement data; and

logic for affording network-based project management services to the user based on the request for proposal and the identified data structure, wherein affording project management services includes managing assets in a network-based supply chain, including optimizing use of service provider assets and manufacturer assets and providing maintenance and service of service provider assets and manufacturer assets.

32-36. (canceled)

37. (withdrawn) A method for providing a contract manufacturing framework comprising:

- (a) providing a database having information on a plurality of service providers;
- (b) using said database to match a user to a service provider selected from among said plurality of service providers based on services provided by the selected service provider;
- (b) providing supply chain/workflow services for services provided by the service providers;
- (c) allowing the user access to technical services concerning services provided by the service providers utilizing the database; and
- (d) providing transaction services to the user utilizing a request for economic transaction proposal mechanism and a nondisclosure agreement mechanism located on the database.

38. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 37, wherein the step of matching the user to a service provider includes querying the database using request data from the user, identifying particular service provider information based on the request data, and sending the user the identified service provider information.

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39. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 37, wherein the step of providing supply chain/workflow services includes identifying particular service provider information based on a request for proposal from the user utilizing the request for proposal mechanism, and affording project management services to the user based on the request for proposal and the identified service provider information.
40. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 37, wherein the step of allowing the user access to technical services includes identifying particular service provider information based on a request data from the user, wherein the particular service provider information includes information concerning process design services, and sending the user data concerning process design services utilizing the identified service provider information.
41. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 37, wherein the step of providing transaction services includes creating a request for an economic transaction proposal utilizing the request for economic transaction proposal mechanism, receiving nondisclosure agreement data from the user, and cataloging the nondisclosure agreement data utilizing a nondisclosure agreement mechanism.
42. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 37, wherein said plurality of service providers is a plurality of chemical contract manufacturing service providers.
43. (withdrawn) A computer readable medium having computer code written therein capable of causing a general purpose computer to implement the method of claim 37.
44. (withdrawn) In a contract manufacturing framework, a method of providing access to services comprising:
 - (a) providing a database including a plurality of service provider data structures, wherein each service provider data structure includes a description of a particular service provider;
 - (b) querying the database using request data from a user;

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- (c) identifying a particular service provider data structure from among said plurality of service provider data structures based on the request data, wherein the particular service provider data structure includes information concerning process design services;
 - (d) sending the user information concerning process design services utilizing the identified service provider data structure.
45. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 44, wherein the identified service provider data structure includes information concerning optimization services.
46. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 44, wherein the identified services provider data structure includes information concerning technical experts available for consultation.
47. (withdrawn) A method as recited in claim 44, wherein the technical experts available for consultation include engineering consultation services.

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Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 9, 2006. Claims 19-23, 25, and 31 are pending and rejected. With this amendment, the independent claims 19, 25 and 31 are amended. The remaining claims are unchanged. No pending claims are cancelled, and no new claims are added.

The pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas in view of Dilger and in further in view of Anecki (a new reference in the combination). Applicants respectfully challenge the propriety of the Anecki reference as prior art, or at least the extent to what of the disclosure is prior art. Applicants also submit that the amended claims are patentably distinguishable from the combination of references regardless of the Examiner's determination on the prior art status and scope of Anecki.

Applicants urge careful reconsideration of the application of the Anecki patent reference as prior art to the pending claims. Applicants respectfully submit that Anecki can qualify as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Applicants respectfully point out that the filing date of the Anecki utility patent application upon which the reference is based is March 7, 2001, which is after the filing date of April 17, 2000, of the present application. The filing date of the Anecki provisional application, however, is March 7, 2000. Applicants respectfully submit that the Anecki patent reference does not in its entirety qualify as prior art, but that it qualifies as prior art at most only to the extent of subject matter disclosed in the provisional application. In this case, there is significant discrepancy of the scope of disclosure between the Anecki provisional and the Anecki patent. To the extent that subject matter is not disclosed in the Anecki provisional, at least, the subject matter of the Anecki patent should not be considered prior art to the pending claims.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art of record does not show or suggest the features of the amended claims. For example, the prior art does not show the

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features of "the nondisclosure agreement data is based on a nondisclosure agreement initiated with the nondisclosure agreement mechanism that is independently accessible by both the user and a third party to the agreement using the contract manufacturing framework to initiate the nondisclosure agreement."

These features are not shown or suggested in the Anecki patent or in the Anecki provisional. The Anecki provisional shows a system in which a company representative logs on and completes necessary fields for a nondisclosure agreement. Based on the inputs into these fields, a proposed nondisclosure agreement is prepared for the company representative. The company representative then sends, either by fax or e-mail, the proposed agreement to a third party in the typical manner, who then executes (or modifies, as would be in their prerogative) and returns the agreement to the company. This generated nondisclosure agreement is then stored on the system.

The Anecki provisional does not provide support for the portions relied upon in making the rejections of the claims in the Office Action, i.e., Anecki patent co. 19, line 56 through col. 20, line 40. For example, there is no mention in the Anecki provisional of "receiving an approval message from a remote party other than a marketing representative or the customer . . ." and other features.

Also, there is no support in either the Anecki patent or the Anecki provisional that "a non-disclosure agreement is initiated with the nondisclosure agreement mechanism that is independently accessible by both the user and a third party using the . . . framework." In particular, the Anecki provisional only discloses or suggest that a company representative has access to the company nondisclosure agreement system. There is no disclosure or suggestion in the Anecki patent that someone other than a company representative have access to the company system.

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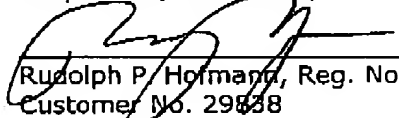
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Because at least these features are missing from each of the cited references separately, these features cannot be found in any proposed combination of the references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request removal of the rejection, favorable action on the application, and a Notice of Allowance.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at 612-607-7340. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees including fees for any extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Docket 60021-358201).

Respectfully submitted,



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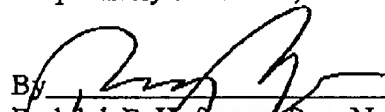

Janet Byrne 7-10-06
DatePETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION
OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(A))

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a Three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated January 9, 2006. The original time for response was set to expire April 9, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the three month extension fee of \$1020.00 (large entity fee), and any fees associated with this communication to deposit account no. 50-1901.

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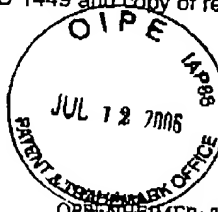
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